

Application number 09/835,021
Amendment dated March 2, 2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2816

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entry of this amendment, claims 17-21, 25, and 31-40 will remain pending in this application. Claims 3-6, 23-24, and 27-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 32, 36, 39, and 40 have been amended. Claim 21 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Support for the amended claims can be found in the specification. No new matter has been added.

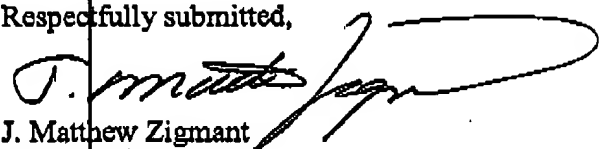
Claims 17-21, 25, 31, 33-35, 37, and 38 have been allowed by the Examiner. Claims 32, 36, 39, and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Reconsideration of these rejections and the allowance of these claims in light of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-752-2456.

Respectfully submitted,


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